United States Department of State



Dear Madam Speaker:

Washington, D.C. 20520 SEP 2 9 2008

Pursuant to Section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed retransfer of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the retransfer of defense articles from the United Kingdom to Saudi Arabia in support of the purchase of 72 Typhoon aircraft for use by the Royal Saudi Air Force.

The United States Government is prepared to license the retransfer of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

The proposed approval of the retransfer is not intended to be interpreted as the U.S. Government's conclusion that the applicant, or any manufacturer, supplier, vendor, or other entity related to this retransfer has not violated any of the statutes enumerated at 22 U.S.C. 2778(g) with respect to this or other transactions.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the foreign applicant concerned.

Sincerely,

Matthew A. Reynolds

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Legislative Affairs

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The Honorable

Nancy Pelosi,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.